

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicants have preliminarily amended the Continuation Application. It is respectfully submitted that the Continuation Application, as amended, is in condition for allowance. By virtue of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-60 are currently pending. Please note that claims 1, 17, 36, and 47 are independent claims. The Applicants respectfully request consideration and allowance of the present claims.

During prosecution of the Parent Application (U.S. Patent Application No. 10/083,282), Applicants received an Office Action mailed on December 3, 2003 (the "Office Action"). In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to references in the Specification as not corresponding to references in the drawing. The Examiner also rejected claims 1-16, 33, and 34 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. In addition, the Examiner rejected claims 17-28, 32, and 35 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Cooper et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,317,156 ("*Cooper*"). Moreover, the Examiner rejected claims 29-31 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over *Cooper*.

I. The drawing has been amended to correct an informality.

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to references in the Specification as not corresponding to references in the drawing. By this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants amend the drawing to revise reference 42 to reference 52, revise reference 44 to reference 54, revise reference 52 to reference 42, and revise reference 54 to reference 44. Applicants therefore respectfully submit to the Examiner that the appropriate corrections have been made.